

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

WILLUMSEN, Merle Roger

Date of birth

19 October 1924

Age

19

Place of birth

**Wishkah, Grays Harbor County,
Washington**

Hometown

Pierce County, Washington

Military service

Service number

39202293

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

10 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
E	10	14

Immediate family

Members

Lars Willumsen (father)

Cleopatra (Achey) Johnson (mother)

Wilfred H. Willumsen (brother)

Frances M. Willumsen (brother)

Louise E. Willumsen (sister)

Cleo H. Willumsen (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31838

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Sack Time Charlie

Destination: Brunswick, Germany

MACR: 2370

More information

Sgt Merle R. Willumsen attended Weatherwax High School.

He enlisted in Tacoma, Washington on 25 February 1943.

There was a direct hit on the ball turret position and Sgt Willumsen was seen falling out the turret without a chute, this was seen by crewmembers from another ship.

Left wing set on fire by German fighters - Engines No. 1 and 2 disabled - plane losing altitude as crew bailed out. It was later thought that plane blew up before reaching ground.

Photos



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